



U. S. Department of Justice

*United States Attorney
Middle District of Georgia*

*Post Office Box 1702
Macon, Georgia 31202*

*Phone: 478-752-3511
Fax: 478-621-2604*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 22, 2005**

CONTACT: SUE McKINNEY

**Trelliny T. Turner and William L. Broxton Sentenced
in Burglary of Valdosta Main Post Office and Federal Building**

Acting United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, G.F. Peterman, III, announced that on Thursday, July 21, 2005, defendants Trelliny T. Turner and William L. Broxton, were sentenced by United States District Court Judge Hugh Lawson, for a series of crimes related to the burglary and theft of mail and currency from the United States Post Office and federal building in Valdosta, Georgia.

The sentencing hearing took place in the federal building in Valdosta, which the defendants burglarized on September 3, 2004. Defendant Turner was employed as a clerk by the U.S. Post Office, which is located on the first floor of the federal building in Valdosta. Defendant Broxton was Turner's boyfriend.

Defendant Turner, a former postal employee, was sentenced to 240 months (20 years) in prison, and defendant Broxton was sentenced to 300 months (25 years) in prison. Both defendants were already in custody and remained in custody after sentencing. The Court substantially increased the sentences of both defendants based upon threats made by them against federal agents investigating this case and threats to flee prosecution.

Both defendants were convicted on April 7, 2005, after a seven-day jury trial of the following offenses: conspiracy to steal U.S. mail, theft of U.S. mail (containing \$266,000 in currency and money orders), interstate transportation of stolen property, money laundering, and misleading conduct towards another person concerning a federal crime.

In addition, defendant Broxton was convicted of possession of a firearm by

a convicted felon, and two counts of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Crane. The lead investigator was Inspector Mike Iorio with the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Questions concerning this matter should be addressed to G.F. Peterman, III, Acting United States Attorney, attention Sue McKinney, Public Affairs Specialist, United States Attorney's Office, at (478) 621-2602.

APPROVED FOR RELEASE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. F. Peterman, III", followed by a small, stylized mark.

G.F. PETERMAN, III
ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY